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Dear Sir:

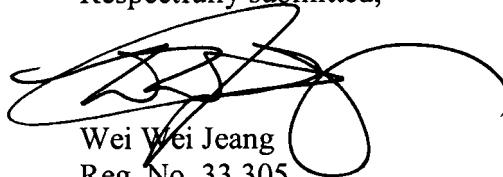
At the request of the Assignee, AudioCodes Texas, Inc., this information is furnished to the U.S. Patent and Trademark for inclusion in the above-identified U.S. patent application. The present patent application has been indicated as being allowed and payment of the Issue Fee is submitted herewith.

Co-inventor Ramanamurthy Dantu ("Dantu") was an employee at Netrake Corporation ("Netrake") from July 2, 2001 to September 30, 2002. While employed at Netrake, Dantu worked on a network redundancy scheme project which gave rise to the subject matter described and claimed in the present application. Dantu was named as a co-inventor in the above-identified patent application. However, Dantu refused to execute the declaration and assignment of the present application, despite his obligation to assign all intellectual property to Netrake under an employment agreement executed by him at the time of employment. The purported reason for Dantu's refusal is that he believed that he conceived of the invention described in the patent application prior to his employment at Netrake. Prolonged negotiation with Dantu ensued.

In order to proceed with the prosecution of the patent application, Applicants petitioned under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to make application on behalf of the missing inventor on February 18, 2004. The petition was granted on June 24, 2004 after certain deficiencies in the initial petition was corrected.

Negotiation with Dantu became urgent when Netrake entered into discussions with AudioCodes for acquisition in 2006. Dantu eventually agreed to execute an assignment on August 2, 2006 in exchange for monetary payment. Dantu was not asked to execute a declaration because such document was no longer needed for the prosecution of the patent application. The assignment to Netrake was recorded on August 3, 2006. AudioCodes Texas, Inc. currently owns all rights and interests in this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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